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Construction of a bridge to Cherupuzha Thodu, Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 289 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present stage of construction of a bridge to Cherupuzha-thodu in Payyannur Firka, North Malabar ; and

(*b*) when the construction of the bridge will be completed?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) The proposal for constructing a pucca masonry bridge at Cherupuzha Thodu is under examination by Chief Engineer (Highways).

" (*b*) It cannot be stated now when the construction of the bridge will be completed."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" There was a bridge there once and on it the Government spent about Rs. 30,000. But it was swept away very soon. When I put a supplementary question previously in the Assembly, the Hon. Sri N. Sankara Reddi answered that the work had already been started and that it would be completed within a week. But when I went there, no work was started. In view of the failure of the promise of the Government, will the Hon. Minister take the matter seriously and see that a bridge is constructed there? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Let there be no confusion. The hon. Member's question is about a pucca masonry bridge. There is a wooden bridge there. For the wooden bridge. there were some repairs. The question then put was about the wooden bridge. The repairs to the wooden bridge were completed and I have information to that effect. Regarding the pucca masonry bridge, it will take some time."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know where the words ' pucca masonry bridge ' occur in the question? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The words are there in the answer."

Madras Vanaspathi, Limited, Villupuram.

* 290 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State-aided Madras Vanaspathi, Limited, Villupuram, has begun to work ; and

(*b*) the net amount with interest due to the Government from the Company on 1st January 1954?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The net amount with interest due to the Government from the company on 1st January 1954 is Rs. 4,75,982–10–1."